

**REMARKS**

The above amendments are made to insert a cross reference to the PCT application upon which the instant U.S. national phase is based and to add an Abstract of the Disclosure. The specification and claims were amended following receipt of the Written Opinion; however, to date the International Preliminary Examination Report together annexed Amended Sheets has not been received. Thus, claims 1 through 28 as published are being canceled, and the claims as amended during the international phase are being presented herewith as new claims 29 through 56. It is requested that examination of the application be based thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

**NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.**

By:



**Duane M. Byers**

Reg. No. 33,363

**DMB:lmv**

1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor  
Arlington, VA 22201-4714  
Telephone: (703) 816-4000  
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100